

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mutsuo NAKASHIMA et al.

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09/887,320

Examiner: HAMILTON, Cynthia

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For:

HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT SILICONE COMPOUNDS, RESIST

COMPOSITIONS, AND PATTERNING METHOD

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 16, 2003, attached is a terminal disclaimer over US 6,309,796. The rejection over claim 16 is thus overcome and the objection to claims 18-21 is also overcome.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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